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FI-SHOCK, INC. RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

KNOXVILLE – Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Michael Magill, on behalf of Governor Don Sundquist, today awarded Fi-Shock, Inc. the **SHARP** Award. The **Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)** Award is one of the state's highest honors for workplace safety and health.

Commissioner Magill congratulated Meg Retinger, President, the Fi-Shock Safety Committee, and Fi-Shock employees during the ceremony held at the Knoxville facility. "Programs like the SHARP Award are crucial to protecting Tennessee's 2.8 million workers. Employer participation reiterates our commitment to making Tennessee a safer place to work and a more desirable place to live."

Established in 1968, Fi-Shock uses plastic injection molding to manufacture electric fence insulators and heavy-duty plastic buckets. They also manufacture the chargers used in electric fences.

Designed for the smaller employers (employing less than 250) in high-hazard industrial classifications, the program provides incentives and support for companies that are approved for participation. The main objective of SHARP is to recognize those employers who work with their employees to produce, execute, and enhance a safety and health program, resulting in a better workplace for all.

The main incentive for participation in the SHARP program is the desire by employers to promote a safe and healthy workplace. The program also allows employers to be removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of twelve

months. TOSHA consultants work with companies to develop, implement, and continually improve workplace safety and health programs.

For more information on the SHARP Award program, contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at 1-800-325-9901.

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